Joining of Duty by Transferred Teachers

†3991. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inter-divisional transfer of suspended Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers can be made that too in public interest;

(b) if so, whether such a provision exists in this regard in the transfer guidelines;

(c) if so, the deatils thereof;

(d) whether any change in ongoing inquiry against any teacher is effected in such a situation; and

(e) whether such teachers have not so far been made to join their duties at new places, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA) (a) to (e) KVS has informed that due to an inadvertent error, transfer orders of two suspended teachers were issued. This error has been rectified by cancellation of these orders.

Education Bill

3992. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article titled "Between the Lines: rights and wrongs in Education Bill", published in the Times of India dated 28th November, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government would make constitutional provisions to make it obligatory for Union Government for education of all children in the age group of 0—18 years;

(d) if so, the time-frame thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Government has already introduced in the Lok Sabha on 26th Novemeber, 2001, the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Bill, 2001 to make education for children in the age group 6—14 years a Fundamental Right. This Bill has also been passed by the Lok Sabha on 28th November, 2001 and is awaiting consideration by Rajya Sabha.

There is no proposal at present to make any amendment in the above Bill to include all children upto the age of 18 years.

Computer Compatible Sanskrit

3993. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate new steps to make Sanskrit computer compatible; and

(b) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Government have already taken several steps to promote the use of computers in the development of Sanskrit Education and to make it computer compatible.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, (a) Deemed University), New Delhi has prescribed computer application courses for Shastri (B.A.) Classes, as a vocational subject. Fifty Five students were admitted to this course during the academic year 2001-2002. It propose to make computer applications a compulsory subject for all the students of the Shastri course from the academic year 2002-2003.

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous body of this Ministry, has also devised graduation and secondary-school level programmes on the computer for all its eight Sanskrit Vidyapeeth as located in different parts of the country.

The SANSKNET Project of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (a Deemed University), Tirupati will make available on the Internet basic material for the study of Sanskrit.